

Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council Technical Workgroup Charter

INTRODUCTION

On February 6, 2003, the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council requested the formation of a workgroup as provided by the Trustee Council Memorandum of Agreement to coordinate the technical expertise within programs of each of the trustee government bodies and provide advice to the council on technical issues. This workgroup will hereby be known as the Restoration Technical Representatives Team.

PURPOSE OF THE RESTORATION TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES TEAM

The duties and responsibilities of the Restoration Technical Representatives Team shall include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Represent the technical expertise of the respective natural resource trustees and members of the public sector, as necessary.
2. Compile restoration project proposals from federal, state, and tribal natural resource-based programs and nongovernmental partners.
3. Define and coordinate the public involvement process.
4. Define and coordinate the process for nongovernmental groups to submit a proposed restoration project for funding consideration.
5. Develop restoration strategies along the way as conditions change to achieve the long-term restoration goals.
6. Develop methods of determining success, measurable endpoints, and outcomes of projects to be implemented with settlement funds.
7. Review all proposals and recommend restoration projects in conformance with the direction provided by the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council.
8. Report to Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council annually or as directed regarding restoration project selection. The Trustee Council will have the ultimate decision making authority on restoration project selection.
9. Address public questions and concerns, as well as technical rationale, for project selection.
10. Provide oversight and performance tracking of restoration project implementation of those projects being completed by the respective agency and/or non-governmental partners.
11. Report on progress toward achieving the goals of the Restoration Plan and the priorities established by the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council.

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COMPOSITION

Membership of the Restoration Technical Representatives Team shall be comprised of designees of each of the natural resource trustees participating on the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council.

DECISION MAKING

All decisions shall be by consensus with each natural resource trustee having only one voice when there is more than one designee participating in the workgroup.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of a dispute involving any decisions regarding recommendations to be made to the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council, the Restoration Technical Representatives Team shall initially attempt to resolve the dispute through good faith discussions directed toward obtaining consensus among the workgroup designees involved in the dispute and consensus by the group as a whole. If consensus still cannot be reached after good faith discussions, the matter shall be elevated to the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council for resolution.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Restoration Technical Representatives Team members shall release information concerning official actions of the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council after the official announcement of council actions has been prepared and distributed among the council representatives.